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The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"We have given opportunities to all interests concerned to represent their case to Government before the 5th of the next month. As I have already said, we will take all these factors into consideration when fixing the rate finally."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know what is the principle or basis on which these rates are fixed? I see that in Kistna it is Rs. 10 whereas in the neighbouring district of Godavari it is Rs. 13?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The cost of cultivation and the varieties of cane grown are all taken into consideration. The rates tentatively fixed were based on the facts then known to the Government."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the variety grown in Kistna does not materially differ from that grown in Godavari?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"There might be other factors. Here I may repeat the assurance that those factors which were not taken into consideration in the first instance will hereafter be taken into consideration in fixing the rates finally."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it not advisable in the interests of the agriculturists to provide a minimum rate in the notification?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"That is what we are exactly proposing to do."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"After these objections have been received, will the Government take into consideration the fact that in the same area the quality of sugarcane grown may be different and may vary with seasonal conditions and the nature of the soil?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I have already given the assurance that any new fact placed before them will receive their careful consideration before the Government finally fix the minimum rates after consulting the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests."

Local Self-Government

Recognition of the B.E. and Lower Subordinate qualifications of the Mysore University for employment under Local Boards.

*534-B Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(*a*) whether holders of B.E. qualification and Lower Subordinate qualification of the Mysore University are eligible for appointment as Engineers or Overseers in District Boards or Municipalities; and

(*b*) if not, why the bar has not been removed?

A.—The holders of the B.E. degree of the Mysore University are eligible for appointment as Assistant Engineers under District Boards and as Engineers under Municipal Councils.

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The lower subordinate certificate of the Bangalore Engineering School has not been prescribed as a qualification for appointment as overseers under District Boards and Municipal Councils in this Presidency. The question of recognizing this qualification will be considered.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" In view of the fact that the Government are not giving exemptions, will they consider the question of holders of Lower Subordinate qualifications of the Mysore University?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The answer clearly says that as far as graduates are concerned, this qualification will be recognized. As for Lower Subordinates, I shall certainly consider the suggestion of the Hon. Member."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" In view of the fact that candidates possessing degrees of the Mysore University are quite as good as the candidates who pass out of the Madras Engineering College, will Government be pleased to recognize the former as suitable for these posts?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" They have got definite rules and they must proceed on that basis."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that holders of lower subordinate qualification of the Mysore University are not holding temporary appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 under local boards now?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Some people might have been entertained in the past, but I cannot give figures and any orders now passed are not to affect people already in service."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether there was any complaint in the past regarding the efficiency of the Mysore Upper Subordinate?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am afraid I cannot say anything off-hand."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" May I know, when once they are appointed, whether they are entitled to become District Board Engineers?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the Madras Betting Tax Act received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 6th November 1935."